



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-6379, **Version:** 1

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**Department:** Purchasing

**Department Head/Elected Official:** DeWight Dopslauf

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Contract - Award

**Project ID (if applicable):** 210352

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):** Environmental Southwest

**MWDBE Participation (if applicable):** 10%

### **Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

Request for approval of an award on the basis of only bid to Environmental Southwest in the amount of \$1,167,500 for tree planting and maintenance services for the Flood Control District for the period of December 1, 2021 - November 30, 2022, with four (4) one-year renewal options, subject to applicable bonds to be received (210352).

### **Background and Discussion:**

The District plants between 12,000 and 15,000 trees annually on District rights-of-way across Harris County. Trees are planted to fulfill construction permitting and mitigation requirements on District projects. The District has planted more than 300,000 trees over the past 20 years of this program.

### **Expected Impact:**

Approval of this contract award will allow the District to continue to plant and maintain 12,000 and 15,000 trees each year. Trees provide community-wide benefits including reducing air and noise pollution, water conservation and wildlife protection and increase the beauty of urban areas. Trees also reduce mowing maintenance by shading out undesirable fast-growing weeds and help reduce erosion while also improving water infiltration and reducing storm water run-off.

### **Alternative Options:**

Alternative options include choosing not to continue the tree planting program. The District would have to pursue alternative methods to plant the trees required for the permitting and mitigation of projects. This includes the hiring of additional personnel and the purchase of equipment to complete these projects.

### **Alignment with Goal(s):**

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity

- ☐ Housing  
☐ Public Health  
☐ Transportation  
☒ Flooding  
☒ Environment  
☐ Governance and Customer Service

**Prior Court Action (if any):**

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

**Location:**

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	-Tree Planting and Maintenance Serv	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
<b>Incremental Expenditures</b>				
Labor Expenditures		-	-	-
Non-Labor Expenditures		\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-
<b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>		-	-	-
<b>Funding Sources</b> (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other - Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	General Fund-	\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Current Budget		-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total Additional Budget Requested		-	-	-
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>		\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-	\$1,167,500.00-
<b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service		-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested		-	-	-
<b>Total Personnel</b>		-	-	-

**Anticipated Implementation Date:** December 1, 2021

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** John Watson, Manager, FMT. Nicolas Griffin, Tree Planting Program Manager, FMT

**Attachments (if applicable):** Route Sheet  
Purchasing Memorandum dated November 4, 2021  
Bid Tabulation